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Professor Ignaz Goldziher,
University of Budapest,
Budapest, Hungary.

Dear Sir:

We are obliged to you for giving us an opportunity of considering the publication separately of the volume based upon the series of lectures that you have delivered on Islamism.

This volume has for a year or more been included in the announcements that we have in train ⁱⁿ of the series of American Lectures on Comparative Religion, and we had supposed until recently that we were to have the pleasure of publishing the book under arrangement with the committee in charge of this series and with the author in regular course.

We learn, however, from Dr. Peters of the Committee that the arrangement between yourself and the Committee has, on one ground or another, been cancelled.

We regret that we should not feel encouraged to take up the book for publication separately. Our judgment is adverse to the probability of being able to secure for an English version, outside of the general demand for the series, a sufficiently extended sale to render the publication remunerative.

It is very possible, of course, that in this adverse decision our judgment may be in error, and we should be interested

in learning that, with the imprint of some other house,
the American edition had secured for itself a satisfactory
success.

Respectfully,

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